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Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee did not meet in the month of December. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on January 7. In the first part of the meeting the Committee heard a presentation from the Illinois Coalition for Responsible Outdoor Lighting, which advocates for reductions in unnecessary outdoor lighting. The Committee felt this issue merited further consideration as a strategy to achieve energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reductions in the *GO TO 2040* plan, in addition to various health and ecological benefits. The second part was a panel meeting on the open space protection "sample program" conducted as a web seminar, with other committee members and various regional experts invited to participate via the web. At the panel meeting the ENR Committee and web participants reviewed the assumptions behind the sample program, which is available at http://www.goto2040.org/panel.aspx.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The Housing Committee did not meet in December and will continue its regularly scheduled meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 am throughout 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2009.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

At the January Human Services Committee a presentation was given by UIC of a soon to be released report on Human Services provided by Townships and Municipalities. The Red Cross gave a presentation on the region's state of readiness to respond to a catastrophic disaster and presented their 3 year plan to get the region to a state of readiness. Particular attention was given to what do to with special populations (disabled, seniors, etc.) and special places (jails, hospitals, senior centers, etc.). The committee also discussed how to incorporate various reports and initiatives related to Human Services into the *GO TO 2040* planning process. The next meeting is February 9, 2009.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee did not meet in December. January 21st will be the Committee's first scheduled meeting in 2009.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met December 12, 2008. The committee was informed of the status of the DRI process, further discussion will be held at the January Programming



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Committee meeting. The RTA provided an update on the Strategic Plan goals and objectives. It is anticipated that revised goals will be presented to the RTA board early next year. The 2009 RTA Budget will be considered at the December RTA board meeting. The Transportation committee approved amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the proposed 2009 meeting date schedule with the addition of May 15, 2009 geared towards the *GO TO 2040 Plan* and the capital project element evaluation. The committee also agreed to hold an off-site meeting on June 12th at the Argonne National Laboratory Transportation Research and Analysis Computing Center (TRACC). The freight committee reported on its activities for the year, including it new members, speaker series, and goals for the upcoming year.

Keypad polling about Public-Private Partnership and CMAP's role in this process, including discussion of whether CMAP's level of involvement should be limited, enhanced, or dominant occurred and a discussion on CMAP's role in Public-Private Partnerships ensued. Differences between dominant public-private partnership, where there is a sharing of risk, and simpler "joint development" projects were discussed. The committee expressed a high level of support for CMAP being involved in state-level discussions concerning legislation to facilitate public-private agreements, particularly design-build arrangements.

There were two presentations. One was on the first part of the *GO TO 2040* arterial strategy paper and the second was on arterial intersection crashes. These presentation and analyses are available at: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/Cmp/safety.aspx, respectively.

The Bicycle/Pedestrian taskforce asked that the Transportation Committee discuss the programming of Illinois Transportation Enhancement Funds at the regional level. Committee members also asked the status of the High Occupancy Toll lanes (HOT), which the tollway representative stated were still being studied and funding is still available.

Citizens' Advisory Committee

At its December 8, 2009 meeting the CAC elected Andrea Powell as its new co-chairman and approved its 2009 meeting schedule. The committee was briefed on CMAP's stance on the Obama Administration's economic stimulus program, the status of the Developments of Regional Importance process, CMAP's Partnerships and Community Conversations programs, the Community Design program, the Future Leaders in Planning program, and the CN Railway's proposed purchase of the EJ&E Railway. The committee also had a brief discussion on development of Strategies and Scenarios for the *GO TO 2040* plan.

At its January 12 meeting, the CAC seated its new co-chairman, Andrea Powell, a member of the committee since its inception. The committee received updates from Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn on the Obama Administration's economic stimulus program, the status of the Developments of Regional Importance process, and the *GOTO2040* plan. The economic stimulus program and *GOTO2040* public outreach were extensively discussed. The committee also saw a demonstration of MetroQuest, which CMAP will use as a major component of its outreach efforts in the coming months. Prior to the meeting, committee

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members were given a link to the MetroQuest website so they would have an opportunity to experiment with the software and comment on its attributes. Following a presentation on the *GOTO2040* Partnerships Program, Ms. Powell urged members to become partners and work in their communities to find others interested in joining.

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